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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE et al.
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Confirmation No.: 9996
Examiner: William H. Beisner
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the below comments.